

Condition of Griffith's Idle Athletes Will Govern Their Playing in Future

NO CERTAINTY OF AINSMITH AND MORGAN JOINING GRIFFS

Catcher Still Lame From Recent Accident in Game With Detroit Baseball Team in This City.

Carl Sawyer, Recommended by Jack Ryan, May Not Report to Washington Until Next Spring.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 20.—"I really can't tell when Morgan or Ainsmith will report," said Manager Griffith today. "I have heard nothing from the club physician as to Ainsmith's condition, and Morgan has been told to report only when able to play ball. I assume that Ainsmith is still too lame to get into the game, and that Morgan is working out at the ball park, trying to get into shape to join the team. I don't actually need either of them, as you can easily see, so I'm not worrying much about them. They may join us before we get home again, and they may not."

It has been reported that both Morgan and Ainsmith would report to the Griffmen here. Manager Griffith reiterated his statement of some weeks ago that Morgan is under suspension without salary until he is in condition to play ball. Ainsmith was injured in one of the games with Detroit in the final series in Washington, and is under the care of the club physician. It is rumored among the players that he is threatened with water on the knee. This rumor is scouted by Manager Griffith, however.

Carl Sawyer, the Des Moines second baseman, is a discovery of Jack Ryan's. Manager Griffith knows nothing about him, and is not sure that he wants him to report before next spring. Griffith doesn't want too many youngsters around this fall, and it is possible that Sawyer will not be seen in Washington next month.

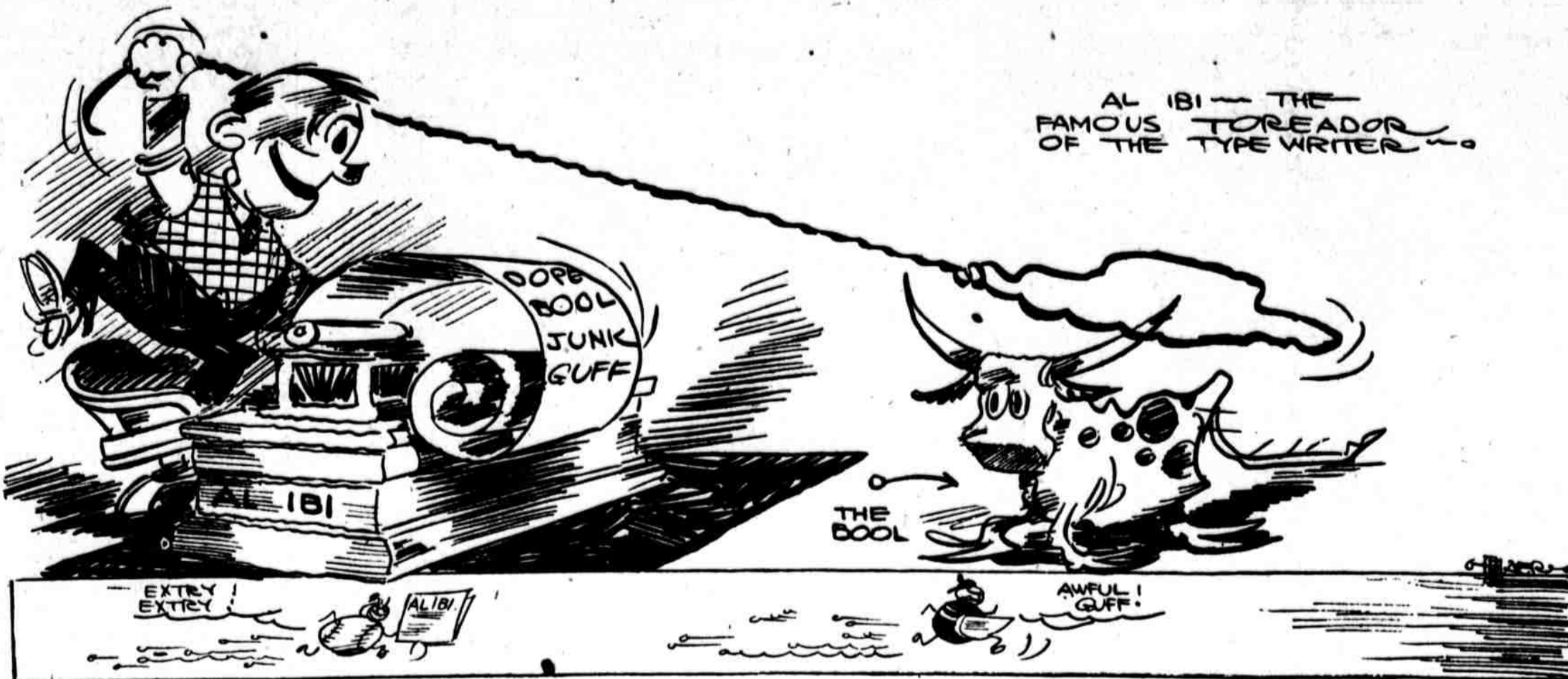
The Griffmen leave tonight for Detroit, where they will play tomorrow and Sunday, going then to Chicago. Walter Johnson is scheduled to pitch Sunday's game against the Tigers. Monday will be an off day, and so, if it rains in Detroit Sunday, the Griffmen will remain over a day to finish their games at Navin Field.

Hunter Barber, the Winston-Salem recruit outfielder, got into his first big league game yesterday, replacing Acosta in the fifth inning. He fanned once and walked once, scoring one run after showing a lot of speed on the bases. He handled several ground balls in good fashion in the field. He was sent into the game because of the long lead held by the Griffmen.

Dan Moeller replaced Marlin Kopp in left field. The Canadian Leaguer is rather green for the big show, and Manager Griffith did not care to take any chances with that sad sun field at League Park.

Bert Gallia, who defeated the Tigers in the final game in Washington, will probably open the short series in Detroit tomorrow.

AL ALIBI IS A SUBMARINE TO TRUTH IN THE BASEBALL WORLD



GANDIL AND HENRY BUSY WITH STICKS

Joe Boehling's Ragged Twirling Is Eclipsed by Heavy Artillery Work.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. CLEVELAND, Aug. 20.—Running rampant with the flail, the Griffis copped the second game from the Indians, 11 to 5, in spite of the ragged twirling of Joe Boehling, Chick Gandil and John Henry were howlers in the attack on Port Foul. Four times Gandil shot big shells into the earthworks of the enemy, and Henry made three line target shots. Moeller and Foster each got a couple of center shots. Indeed, the Griffis took dire revenge for their trimming of the day before. Gandil poked a couple of triples and Moeller and Henry each got one. Henry grabbed a pair of doubles just to prove that catchers can sometimes hit that pill. No wonder Boehling landed his game. He got enough hitting support. Boehling was extraordinarily wild. No less than seven Indians stroled because of his generosity. Eleven bingles were made of his delivery, though half of them were of the scratch variety. Through it all Boehling preserved his cool, and relied on his hitting. He knew he was contending against the worst kind of twirling.

Cleece	AB	HO	A	Natls	AB	HO	A
Turner	2	2	0	Moeller	1	1	0
Chapman	2	2	0	Foster	2	2	0
Moeller	2	2	0	Gandil	2	2	0
Boehling	2	2	0	Shanks	1	1	0
Kirk	1	1	0	Gandil	1	1	0
Smith	1	1	0	Acosta	1	1	0
Wamba	2	2	0	Boehling	1	1	0
O'Neill	2	2	0	Henry	2	2	0
Smith	1	1	0	McIntire	1	1	0
Jones	2	2	0	Boehling	2	2	0
Hager	2	2	0	Totals	24	24	0
Cumbe	1	1	0				
McIntire	1	1	0				
Evans	1	1	0				

Totals... 24 24 0  
\*Batted for Hagerman in the fifth.  
\*Batted for Cumbe in the ninth.  
Cleveland... 10 100 102-4  
Nationals... 10 100 101-11  
Runs—Wille (2), Turner, Chapman (2), Evans, Moeller, Milan, Foster, Shanks, Gandil (2), Acosta, Barber, Henry and Boehling. Earned runs—Cleveland, 4; Nationals, 10. Two-base hits—Henry (2), Three-base hits—Moeller, Milan, Gandil (2). Sacrifice hits—Chapman, Boehling. Sacrifice fly—Acosta. Double plays—Henry to Shanks to McFriede to Shanks; McFriede to Foster to Gandil; McFriede to Shanks to Foster. Hits off Jones, 4 in 3 innings; Hagerman, 5 in 4 innings; off Cumbe, 2 in 4 innings. First base on balls—Off Hagerman, 2; off Cumbe, 1; off Boehling, 2. Struck out—By Hagerman, 3; by Cumbe, 2; by Boehling, 5. First base on errors—Cleveland, 2. Left on bases—Cleveland, 2; Nationals, 4. Unlabeled errors—Tilldebrand and O'Loughlin. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

Al Ibi Goes Minutely Into Chances of Griffith's Team

This Consistent Explainer Believes Our Chances for 1915 Pennant Were Better in 1914.

By AL ALIBI (Per "Bugs" Baer.) In summing up the Nationals' chances for the pennant, we are forced to admit that it isn't summing up at all. It's subtracting! Conceding the deteriorating effects of the prolonged war in Europe, granting the adverse conditions caused by the allies' contraband on pop bottles and other munitions of peace, allowing for the general uncertainty of baseball in general, even the most rabid rooters against the Nationals are compelled to admit that their chances for the 1915 pennant look brighter than ever. The brightest thing about the Nationals' chances for the 1915 pennant is that it is only 1915 at present. As for the 1915 pennant, we are seriously handicapped by the fact that it is 1915. If it were only 1914, our chances for the 1915 pennant would be considerably improved. Another insurmountable handicap is the fact that there are seven other teams in the American League. This is the most serious obstacle of all, as there is not the slightest doubt that the Nationals would cop the pennant easily if it were not for the presence of the seven other teams. If the home boys were the only team in the race, they would finish first. But, then, if they were the only team in the race, if they would finish first, they would naturally finish last also. That would be decidedly embarrassing.

Thus, we would have a pennant winner and a tallender at the same time, which would be silly. All of which goes to show that a one-team league would never do. The hot weather is another hazard which has held the local lads back considerably. In St. Louis, especially, the fearful humidity glued our calvacade. During a crucial series the thermometer went up to 102 in the shade. Even orders from the bench to keep out of the shade failed to assist our boys in their pennant struggle. Of course, it was only hot on the Nationals' side of the field. And, furthermore, with any breaks at all, the Nationals should finish either in the first or the second division. There is absolutely no doubt about it. Even the bitterest critics of the team are forced to admit that if the team didn't finish in the first division, they would at least wind up somewhere in the second division. Easily. Another point, which hindered the home town boys in their mad pennant career, in very town in the circuit the grounds are laid out wrong. In some places the showers are built too close to the pitching staff. One club in the circuit has forbidden the sale of pop in the bleachers, which put an irrevocable dent in our pennant grounds. With no empty bottles foistering around, what chance did our brave boys have of emphasizing an argument with the umpires? None. All of which goes to show that with even a minor portion of the breaks, we could have copped the flag hands down. We never have any good fortune. Why, for instance, our hitting strength would have been increased 100 per cent if our players had only remembered to run out the third strike. There are innumerable instances where we would have piled up a comfortable lead in the race if we only got the breaks. Even the calendar was against us. July was the crucial month of the season, and our boys were all fagged out by that time. If the crucial juncture had only fallen in January, we would have nailed the pennant. In December our team was the best looking in the league. The boys were going like a tornado on wheels in huckleberry season. Nothing stopped them but the opening of the season. Not desiring to make any excuses for

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the team's failure to win the pennant, but always believing in giving credit where it's not due, we must concede that the Nationals put up a superior race for the flag with the possible exception of the first six months. But then, next season is another season. We may get the breaks then, which would insure us the race. Easily! While we don't believe in alibiing the team, still we got to admit fortune was against them. We may be dog meat this season, but— Wait till next year.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Team	W	L	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Boston	59	37	.614	54-38
Detroit	52	44	.542	48-40
Chicago	48	48	.500	43-45
Washington	55	39	.588	51-33
New York	51	43	.542	46-38
Cleveland	42	52	.446	37-45
St. Louis	41	53	.437	36-46
Athletics	34	60	.362	29-51

Today's Games.

Washington at Cleveland.  
Philadelphia at Detroit.  
New York at St. Louis.  
Boston at Chicago.

Tomorrow's Games.

Washington at Detroit.  
Philadelphia at Cleveland.  
Boston at St. Louis.  
New York at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.

Washington, 11; Cleveland, 4.  
Detroit, 6; Athletics, 1.  
Chicago, 7; Boston, 1.  
New York-St. Louis—Ita's

JACKSON SIGNED TO 3-YEAR CONTRACT

President Somers Relieves Anxiety of Fans by Securing Slugging Outfielder.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. CLEVELAND, Aug. 20.—Whatever chances any club might have possibly had of buying Joe Jackson from the Indians were knocked into a cocked hat today when it leaked out that Charlie Somers had signed his slugging outfielder for three more seasons. Jackson is now the property of the Indians until October, 1915, and his salary is the largest paid any member of the team. Somers was induced to sign up Jackson to a long term contract in order to dispose of the first baseman running around that he might sell the slugging. Such assertions, always followed by denials on the part of Somers, have caused Jackson not a little uneasiness. Furthermore, Cleveland fans will be enjoyed such rumors, and they have had their revenge by hawling out Jackson on the field. The whole situation was fast becoming unbearable both for Somers and for Jackson. The president of the club cleared up everything by getting Jackson's signature to a Cleveland contract for three more seasons. "I guess this will stop all this foolish talk of my selling Joe," said Somers today. "I never had the slightest idea of parting with him, but the same story kept bobbing up so frequently that the fans began to think there was some truth in it. Now they know better." He will then be given a trial in the waning days of the big league season, and if he looks promising, will be taken South next spring. Sawyer played on the Pacific coast in 1914, but did not set the world afire. This year, though, he has been considered the best second baseman in the Western League. Joe Engel, having failed with Minneapolis, is to be sent to Salt Lake City, in the Pacific Coast, in part payment for Joe Gedeon, who comes to the Griffmen for another trial.

E. W. Ford in Running For Handicap Shoot

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—E. W. Ford, of Washington, D. C., is still in the running in the great American handicap shoot which started here yesterday. There were 827 entries and but eighty targets were shot at, leaving twenty to be run off today.

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